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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION



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Subject: Interim IT Pilot Policy

The [Interim IT Pilot Policy](http://itsd.mt.gov/policy/itpolicy.asp) is effective January 2, 2007. The policy is available on the Enterprise Information Technology Policies webpage (<http://itsd.mt.gov/policy/itpolicy.asp>).

This interim policy has been developed to immediately address the need to provide, promote and support enterprise information technology (IT) pilots. Such pilots are necessary to investigate and implement new technologies and solutions in the State of Montana enterprise IT architecture; solutions that may have great impact on IT in Montana government.

Currently, policies and standards for planning, conducting and managing pilots do not exist; yet pilots are a normal part of the business of IT and must occur. As a result:

- The policy is *interim*, developed with an abbreviated process and limited review to provide for pilots where standards are not published, or will not be available in a timely manner.
- The policy has a review date of twelve months from effective date, at which time the policy will be returned for full consideration and review.
- Deficiencies may be identified in this policy during its interim life, and those will be addressed not later than the follow-on consideration and review.

This policy falls under the provisions of the Montana Information Technology Act ([2-17-505, MCA](#)) that states the Department (of Administration) "...shall establish and enforce statewide information technology policies and standards".

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